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SUBJ: SURRENDER OF BSO TERRORISTS IN KHARTOUM

REF: STATE 55768

1. WE WISH POINT OUT THAT SIGNIFICANCE OF MAR 4 REPORT IN LOCAL PRO- FEDAYEEN AL MUHARRIR RE BLACK SEPTEMBER DECISION TO ORDER KHARTOUM TERRORISTS SURRENDER LIES NOT IN FACT THAT PAPER " SCOOPED BEIRUT PRESS" (PARA 2(H) REFTEL), BUT IN FACT THAT IT HIT STREETS HERE PRIOR RPT PRIOR TO SURRENDER OF TERRORISTS IN KHARTOUM (SEE PARA 2, STATE 39857). AS REPORTED OUR 2543, MUHARRIR OBVIOUSLY KNEW-- VIA ITS EXCELLENT FEDAYEEN CONTACTS HERE-- THAT BSO SURRENDER ORDER HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT FROM BEIRUT TO KHARTOUM DURING NIGHT MAR 3-4.

2. IN VIEW FOREGOING, WE LEFT REVISING TEXT OF REFTEL' S
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UNCLASSIFIED PORTION, BEFORE BRINGING IT TO GOL'S ATTENTION,
TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"(H) THE BEIRUT AL MUHARRIR, KNOWN TO HAVE SOURCES IN
FATAH, REPORTED IN ITS MARCH 4 ISSUE-- WHICH WAS PUBLISHED
AND DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL SURRENDER OF THE
TERRORISTS IN KHARTOUM-- THAT THE BSO HAD ORDERED THE
FEDAYEEN TO SURRENDER TO THE SUDANESE AND NOT HARM THE
TWO ARAB HOSTAGES.

"(I) THE SAME AL MUHARRIR ON MARCH 5 CARRIED THE TEXT
OF AN INSTRUCTION SENT BY BSOANS TO MAKE PRESENTATION ON DISPOSAL OF
TOXIC
WASTES SINCE PROPOSAL NOT FAR ENOUGH ADVANCE.

5. NORTH SEA MODEL: BELGANS WILL DEPOSIT THEIR SECOND MAJOR
REPORT AND PROPOSE THAT IT BE STUDIED AND THEN DISCUSSED AT THE
FALL 73 PLENARY (THE FIRST REPORT WAE SUBMITTED TO THE SPRING
72 PLENARY).

6. OCEAN DUMPING: BELGIANS WILL AGAIN REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE OCEAN DUMPING AREA. THE GENERAL TENOR OF THE REPORT
WILL BE THAT THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE THE OSLO AND LONDON
CONVENTIONS) MAKE IT UNNECESSARY FOR CCMS TO UNDERTAKE AN
OCEAN DUMPING STUDY AT THE PRESENT TIME. THIS WILL BETHE
FINAL REPORT IN TERMS OF ASSESSING THE NEED FOR A FUTURE CCMS
ROLE, ALTHOUGH THE BELGIANS WOULD BE WILLING TO REPORT
FURTHER IN THE FUTURE ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF OREAN DUMPING
RENSON DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT CCOE COULD BE-
COME INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE BY UNDERTAKINGA PROJECT
INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM OTHER IN-
TERATIONAL DUMPING ACTIVITIES (E. G. THE LONDON CONVENTON).

7. INLAND WATER: BELGIANEWILL REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE
MODELING SYMPOSIUM NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21 THROUGH 26 IN
BRUSSELS.

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8. URBAN TRANSPORTATION: RENSON WILL REPORT ON THE MARCH
29-30 BRUSSELS MEETING ON COLLECTION SYSTEM'S EVALUATION.

9. ROAD SAFETY: BELGIANS ARE STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER TO
JOIUS AND OTHERS IN TABLING INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD
SAFETY. (WE HAVE MADE THE TEXT AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED
AGENCIES AND REQUESTED SUPPORT PER STATE 55813 AND 560159)

10. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: RENSON THOUGHT BELGIUM COULD
AGREE TO OCTOBER 30-31 DATE FOR FALL PLENARY.

11. COMMENT: WHILE WE DID NOT EXPECT MINISTERIAL LEVEL
REPRESENTATION FROM BELGIUM IN VIEW OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE
CANADIAN HOSTS (BRUSSELS 1515), WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH
THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION. URBAN TRANSPORTATION EXPERT
HAUSMAN WILL BE IN SPAIN ON OTHER BUSINESS, AND MINISTRY OF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT HAS YET TO INDICATE WHETHER
IT WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. THEREFORE, RENSON WILL CARRY
THE MAJOR BURDEN IN DISCUSSION OF ALL SUBJECTS AND IS
MAKING A REAL ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF A ROAD
SAFETY EXPERT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF OUR REQUEST FOR
SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION. BOOCHEVER

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